

## THE HERALD

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### DANCING AND DANCEERS.

GALLINI, in his "Travels in Africa," declares that the people of the west coast are exceedingly fond of dancing. He once tried to tire them out, but as long as he could raise his hand to his violin they continued to dance, and he was forced to desist.

One of the most famous early ballet dancers was Mlle. Mazarin, who, being ruined by Law's financial schemes, dressed herself in her finest robes and committed suicide publicly by jumping off a Seine bridge at noon in the presence of thousands of people.

MARIA TAGLIONI, the danseuse, was the daughter of an Italian ballet master. She was born in 1804, went on the stage in 1822 and continued her appearances in public until 1847, when she retired. Her greatest successes were in La Bayadere, La Sylphide and La Fille du Danube.

HERINE's ballet, "Mephistophela," displays "Faust" tempted by a female Mephistopheles, who exhibits to her victim the most celebrated female danseuses of antiquity, including "Salome," the daughter of "Herodias," while David is also represented as doing a pas seul before the ark.

The ballet d'action is said to have been revived from ancient models by the famous Duchesse du Maine, who took a well-known play, had music written for it, and set the characters to act it through from beginning to end without speaking a word. It was extremely popular, and so established a fashion.

### ACROSS THE SEAS.

The manuscript of Tannhauser has just been sold to a Leipzig amateur for 10,000 marks (\$2,500).

In the Marquesas group the recent absolute prohibition of the sale of opium has increased at once the demand for liquor.

The forest land owned by the state is in Germany 33 per cent. of all forests; in Scandinavia, 15 to 20; in France, 10; in Switzerland, 4, and in Italy, not 2.

The English postmaster general has just announced that private cards with a half-penny stamp affixed will be accepted as postal cards within the United Kingdom.

M. SCHNEIDER, the head of the great Creusot foundries, was married the other day in Paris. Creusot has grown in sixty years from a village of 500 inhabitants to a town of 30,000 people—larger than Krupp's town of Essen.

Russia proposes to connect the Baltic with the Black sea, according to recent report. The rivers Dnieper and Dwina are to be joined by a canal; surveying has begun at both ends of the route, and Cherson is spoken of as the harbor for the canal on the Black sea.

NEWSPAPERS in Russia were forbidden some time ago to make any reference to the dresses worn by the empress on state occasions. This was done because one paper by mistake reported her as wearing a dress which at that time was completely out of fashion.

### NICKNAMES OFTEN HEARD.

HENRY VIII. was called Bluff old Hal, from his rudeness and coarseness of speech.

JAMES BOSWELL was nicknamed the Bear-leader, from his association with Johnson.

CODREN is called the Apostle of Free Trade on account of his labors in that direction.

JOHN CALVIN was the Pope of the Reformation, from his influence among the reformers.

LOUIS BOURDALOUE was called the Desmosthenes of Divinity, from his rare eloquence.

ARISTOPHANES was the Father of Comedy, because he was the first Greek satirical writer.

ARIOSTO was the Walter Scott of Italy, because of his skill in the line of historical romance.

JOHN SELDEN was the Walking Library, because of the amount and diversity of his knowledge.

WILLIAM HOGARTH was dubbed the Juvenal of Painters, from the satirical character of his works.

### FRUIT BUDS.

Doesn't your orchard want manuring?

For apples and pears autumn planting is good enough.

ALBINO or white spots among huckleberries and blackberries are hardly rare enough to deserve much fuss to be made over them.

The complaints of the authorities about zinc found in America dried apples, seems to be "much ado about nothing."

The English walnut may be a semi-tropical fruit, and not entirely hardy. But it flourishes and bears well in protected spots, especially in the suburbs of cities, as far north as western New York and lower Canada.

CORN stalks cut in pieces two feet long (whole or split), set around the tree and tied top and bottom with willow or binder twine will stay on for three years, and protect the tree from sun-scald, borers, mice and rabbits. At least this is what one of our contemporaries says.

There is one milch cow in this country to every four inhabitants.

### FARM NOTES.

HAVE as many cows as possible fresh in the fall.

ALFALFA growing has proved eminently successful in the dry districts of Australia.

Ducks fattened on celery possess an exquisite flavor similar to that of the famous canvas back of the epicure.

Don't cut the new canes back too far. A few inches off the top is enough, according to the number of fruit blossoms.

LONDON milk is dyed cream color to suit popular fancy by mixing one teaspoonful of liquid annatto with eight quarts of milk.

CHICAGO is the great cold-storage depot for eggs. It is calculated that nearly half a million cases are packed away there every year.

### BOILED DOWN.

NEARLY every human race have been mound builders at some stage of their history.

The preparation of the human hair for the market gives employment to seven thousand Parisians.

RESEARCH shows that there is not a particle of vegetation in the eastern part of the North sea. It is one great watery waste.

The Dyak head hunting has a religious origin. The Dyak believes that every person he kills in this world will be his slave in the next.

In olden time screws were made by hand, and five minutes were spent in making one. Now a machine rattles out sixty in a minute.

### CURIOUS FACTS.

BODIES of moths are covered with a thick down because the insects require protection from the dampness of the night.

The new Atlantic cable carries 650 pounds of highest-purity copper and 500 pounds of gutta percha insulation to the mile.

WHITE clothing is cool because it reflects the heat of the sun; black clothing is warm because it absorbs both heat and light.

A CATERPILLAR in the course of a month will devour six thousand times its own weight in food. It will take a man three months before he eats an amount of food equal to his own weight.

### ABOUT THE WOMEN.

ROSA BONHEUR was a dressmaker's apprentice when she was a girl of fifteen years.

MRS. JULIA J. IRVINE, the new president of Wellesley college, is a sister of Buffalo Bill.

MISS BALFOUR, sister of the English conservative leader, is now traveling in Africa, and at last advices was the guest of Mr. Cecil Rhodes at Cape Town.

ODETTE TYLER, who was to have been Mrs. Gould, is in Richmond, Va., and will soon sail for Europe. She is writing a novel of Virginia life, entitled "Boss, the Virginian."

### THE WHY OF IT.

SNOW is sometimes of a red color, because of the presence of a minute vegetable cell, the Proteococcus nivalis, which secretes a red coloring matter.

A MATCH ignites because of the heat generated by friction. Matches are tipped with phosphorus and sulphur, both highly inflammable substances.

A PLUMB line by the side of a very large building inclines a little from the perpendicular because the weight is attracted by the mass of the edifice.

FLIES can walk on the ceiling because their feet are natural air pumps, and form a vacuum so that the body is supported by atmospheric pressure.

SEA shells murmur because the vibrations of the air, not otherwise observable, are collected in the shell and by its shape are brought to a focus.

A SPOON in a glass filled with hot water prevents the breaking of the glass because the metal readily absorbs a large part of the heat of the water.

MANY springs are intermittent, probably because the channels leading from the reservoirs to the surface are crooked and constitute natural siphons.

IRON rusts more rapidly when wet than when dry because it has, or seems to have, a greater affinity for oxygen when the latter is combined with hydrogen.

A BLACK down grows under the feathers of many birds at the approach of winter because down is the best non-conductor and black the warmest color.

A New Geographical Apparatus. The marine globe is a new physical instrument to produce currents similar to sea currents. It consists of a glass globe under the interior well of which are constructed the massive outline of continents and the hollows of sea basins. The bottom of the sea is formed of an interior sphere, concentric with the one of glass, moving on a vertical axis, and is worked by a gearing.

The sea basins are filled with water containing particles of stearine in suspension, which render all its movements visible. The exterior of the apparatus does not differ much from that of a geographical globe, and its merit is that it tends directly to facilitate the study of geography, so far as the sea currents are concerned.

### HAD HIS OWN WAY AT LAST.

But It Required a Musket with Fixed Bayonet Even Then.

Here is an incident of the Peekskill camp which shows that at least one brave soldier boy was on duty there. Among the excursionists to the camp on the Fourth was the wife of a private in one of the separate companies. Her husband was in the guard detail for the day and had been posted as a sentry guarding a portion of the camp where visitors are not allowed.

The wife after searching vainly for him in his company street, at last discovered him at his post. She ran gladly to greet him, but stopped in dismay before a leveled bayonet.

"Halt! Who is there?" sternly challenged the sentry.

"Why, John, don't you know me?" asked the wife in dismay.

"You can't come any nearer." The wife moved a step. "Halt! Corporal of the guard, post 7," he shouted.

The corporal ran from the guard tent to find the wife confronted by her sentinel husband. All three were from the same town and the corporal knew the couple well.

"Sentry, what is the matter? That's your wife," he said, in astonishment.

"I know it," said John, with a wink; "but I haven't had my own way since we were married, and I thought I would have it now."

The sentry was soon relieved from duty, and bought ice cream at the restaurant to atone for his cruelty.—Yonkers Statesman.

### Not So Glad a Shot.

Rulers have always been flattered, from Canute's time downward, it being, it would seem, an unwritten law that a monarch's weak points should pass unrecognized. Napoleon III. once said, in consoling a friend who chanced to be shooting with him for his poor marksmanship:

"You need not fret about it; the emperor (by which he meant his uncle, the great Napoleon I.) was even a worse shot than you are; the only time they put a gun in his hand, he killed a poor hound, and went away thinking he had killed a stag."

"In those days the stag, wherever brought to bay, was left for the emperor to kill. One day, however, the emperor was not to be found, and the master of the stag hounds finished the animal with his knife. Just then the emperor came in sight."

"They hurriedly got the dead stag on its legs, propping it up with branches, and so forth, and handed the emperor the 'carbine of honor,' as it is called. The emperor fired, and of course the stag tumbled over, but at the same time there was a piteous whine from one of the hounds, which had been shot through the head."

"The emperor wheeled round, unconscious of the mischief he had done, saying to one of his aides-de-camp: 'After all, I am not as bad a shot as they pretend!'"—Youth's Companion.

W. A. McGuire, a well-known citizen of McKay, Ohio, is of the opinion that there is nothing as good for children troubled with colds or croup as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He has used it in his family for several years with the best results, and always keeps a bottle of it in the house. After having lagrippe he was himself troubled with a severe cough. He used other remedies without benefit, and then concluded to try the children's medicine, and to his delight it soon effected a permanent cure. 25 and

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